

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Elvira Hallinan, Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Holiday festivities are in full swing. I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving and spent time thinking of the many things you have to be thankful for. The weather is starting to cool down but don't let that keep you inside. Our waterfront has so much to offer such as the boat parades, the trees in the bay and the beautifully decorated homes in the Alamitos Bay and along our beach.

I'm happy to report the Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild is underway and moving along right on schedule. If you have questions, please feel free to stop by the office or visit our web page: www.cityoflongbeach.com.

You may have received a Possessory Interest Tax bill for the slip you occupy. What is possessory interested all about? A taxable possessory interest occurs when a person or entity leases, rents or uses real estate owned by a government agency. Possessory interest tax help pay the holder's fair share of services and benefits that owners of similar taxable properties enjoy. This includes fire and police protection, schools, parks, and other local government services. The person or entity in the possession of the property on the lien date of January 1 is liable for the entire subsequent fiscal year's taxes.

Unfortunately, the LA County Assessor has made no provisions to prorate the taxes if the possessory interest is terminated after the lien date.

For an expanded definition see Revenue and Taxation Code Section 61, 107 - 107.0 available online at www.boe.ca.gov/info/links.htm. If you have any questions regarding the possessory interest tax bill, contact the Boat Slip Valuation Division at (213) 974-1575. In addition, staff at the marina is available to answer questions during the regular business hours.

I wish you all a safe and memorable Holiday season!



### **MARINA OFFICE** Winter Hours

Effective December 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015, the LBSM and Alamitos Bay Marina Office will have the following hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS:**

Thanksgiving Day: All Offices will be CLOSED

Day after Thanksgiving: All Offices will close at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve: All Offices will close at 4 pm. Christmas Day: All offices will be CLOSED

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### TIDE CHART

## December 2014

		Low Tide			High Tide			
Date	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht
1. Mo	11:46	8.0	11:15	1.1	5:05	5.6	5:38	4.0
2. T			12:38	0.2	5:47	6.0	6:41	4.1
3. W	12:02	1.3	1:24	-0.4	6:26	6.4	7:36	4.2
4. Th	12:45	1.5	2:06	-0.8	7:04	6.6	8:24	4.2
5. F	1:25	1.7	2:46	-0.9	7:41	6.6	9:09	4.2
6. Sa	2:04	1.8	3:24	-0.9	8:16	6.6	9:52	4.1
7. Su	2:41	2.0	4:02	-0.8	8:51	6.4	10:35	4.1
8. M	3:19	2.2	4:40	-0.5	9:26	6.1	11:19	4.0
9. T	3:59	2.4	5:16	-0.2	10:02	5.7		
10. W	4:42	2.6	5:58	0.2	12:06	3.9	10:39	5.2
11. Th	5:36	2.8	6:40	0.5	12:58	3.9	11:19	4.7
12. F	6:51	2.9	7:26	0.9	1:54	3.9	12:09	4.1
13. Sa	8:30	2.8	8:16	1.2	2:51	4.1	1:18	3.6
14. Su	10:06	2.4	9:09	1.5	3:41	4.3	2:54	3.2
15. M	11:12	1.9	10:01	1.7	4:23	4.6	4:29	3.1
16. T	11:59	1.3	10:48	1.8	4:59	4.9	5:43	3.2
17. W	12:38	0.7	11:32	1.9	5:33	5.3	6:39	3.4
18. Th			1:14	0.1	6:06	5.7	7:25	3.6
19. F	12:13	1.9	1:50	-0.5	6:40	6.1	8:07	3.8
20. Sa	12:54	1.9	2:27	-0.9	7:16	6.4	8:48	4.0
21. Su	1:35	1.8	3:05	-1.2	7:54	6.6	9:29	4.1
22. M	2:18	1.8	3:45	-1.3	8:34	6.7	10:12	4.2
23. T	3:03	1.8	4:27	-1.2	9:17	6.6	10:57	4.3
24. W	3:53	1.9	5:11	-1.0	10:03	6.3	11:45	4.4
25. Th	4:51	2.0	5:57	-0.6	10:53	5.8		-
26. F	6:00	2.1	6:47	-0.1	12:38	4.5	11:50	5.1
27. Sa	7:24	2.0	7:41	0.4	1:35	4.7	1:01	4.3
28. Su	9:00	1.7	8:40	0.9	2:36	4.9	2:32	3.7
29. M	10:30	1.2	9:44	1.3	3:36	5.3	4:14	3.4
30. T	11:40	0.5	10:45	1.6	4:32	5.6	5:43	3.4
31. W	12:36	-0.1	11:42	1.8	5:22	5.9	6:5	3.6

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency 911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)
Non Emergency (562) 435-6711
Shoreline Office (562) 570-4950
Alamitos Bay Office (562) 570-3215
Rainbow Harbor Office (562) 570-8636
Maintenance During working hours (562) 570-1582
After office hours (562) 570-3101

## **Upcoming Activities**

## CHILL AT THE QUEEN MARY

November 21 - 30, December 2 - 7, December 9 - January 4, January 8 - 11 www.queenmary.com/events/chill

#### TREES IN THE BAY

Alamitos Bay waters

#### **2ND STREET PARADE**

Saturday, December 6 www.belmontshore.org

#### **NAPLES BOAT PARADE**

Saturday, December 13 www.naplesca.com

#### **PARADE OF 1,000 LIGHTS**

Saturday, December 13 www.shorelineyachtclub.com

#### DAISY LANE PARADE

Saturday, December 13 www.longbeach.gov/district7



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## **HOLIDAY PARADES**



With the holidays just around the corner be sure to mark your calendar and enjoy our festive holiday parades. (Some information submitted by event organizers)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

#### 2ND STREET PARADE

The 32nd Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade comes to town Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 6 PM. A celebrated holiday tradition, this year's theme, Home For The Holiday's, is sure to bring festive floats and enjoyment to everyone.

The parade features approximately 100 entries including marching bands, local personalities and dignitaries, floats representing Long Beach businesses and associations, and, bringing the parade to a close is the favorite Santa Claus.

The parade route is along East Second Street. It begins heading east from Livingston Avenue to Bayshore Avenue and return to Livingston Avenue heading west along the north side of East Second Street. Start time will be at 6 PM. East Second Street will close to vehicle traffic at 5 PM, at which time spectators may set up chairs and blankets for a front row seat to the parade.

Parking: Marine Stadium will be open and FREE to park. Beach parking lots can be accessed from Ocean Blvd and Granada. The parking meters are enforced until 6 PM. For additional information please visit www.belmontshore.org.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

#### THE PARADE OF 1,000 LIGHTS

The 32nd Annual Long Beach Christmas Boat Parade will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 5:30 PM in the Downtown, Shoreline, and Rainbow Harbor Marinas. Shoreline Yacht Club is proud to present a must see event for the whole family.

The public is invited to participate as a spectator or by entering a boat in the parade. The parade is presented by Shoreline Yacht Club of Long Beach and welcomes all boaters to participate. Club membership is not a requirement.

The parade route will begin outside Shoreline Marina, move toward Island White, circle near the beach, move into and

through the Shoreline Marina and on to Rainbow Harbor past Parker's Lighthouse Restaurant, Pine Avenue Pier, and Gladstone's. It will then depart Rainbow Harbor passing by the Queen Mary. Best viewing will be in Shoreline Village, Rainbow Harbor, and from the Queen Mary.

A boat decorating and safety seminar will be given two times, free of cost: There will be a Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at the club on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 11:00 AM for all participants.

Applications may be obtained by calling Shoreline Yacht Club at (562) 435-4093, by email at syclb@hotmail.com, and at Shoreline and Rainbow Harbor Marina offices.

#### 61ST ANNUAL DAISY LANE PARADE

This year's parade is on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 5 PM. Participation in the parade is free of charge. The 61st Annual Daisy Lane Parade & Holiday Program is a unique tradition in the heart of the Wrigley District in Long Beach. The Daisy Lane Parade is special in that it is the only holiday parade that runs down a residential street and not a commercial corridor. For additional information, an application, and to learn more about the inspirational beginning of such a Long Beach tradition visit the website at www.longbeach.gov/district7, or call the office of 7th District Councilmember Roberto Uranga at (562) 570-7777.

#### **68TH ANNUAL NAPLES BOAT PARADE**

This year's parade, "Light Up The Night," will begin at 6 PM (large boats) and 6:45 PM (smaller boats). Keeping with the theme, boats will be decorated paying tribute to favorite Holiday Specials. Think Rudolph, Charlie Brown, The Grinch, Polar Express, Nutcracker – you name it, and let your imagination run wild. All Large Boats will assemble along Lido Lane and off the sea wall in front of Naples Plaza. The Small Boat Parade starts at 6:45 PM. All Small Boats will assemble in Marine Stadium. Naples street closures begin at 5 PM The Mandatory Skippers' Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at Long Beach Yacht Club. For more information visit www.naplesca.com. Applications will also be available at the marina offices.

### NAPLES SEAWALL REBUILD PROJECT REMINDER

Active construction on rebuilding Naples Seawalls **BEGAN IN NOVEMBER** 

A portion of the Naples Canals are

CLOSED STARTING DECEMBER 15

and will remain closed thru the holidays

For more information contact: Rachael A. Tanner, Program Specialist (562) 570-6999 rachael.tanner@longbeach.gov

## TRAFFIC JAM at the Port of Long Beach

The Port of Long Beach is getting to crunch time! There is a serious traffic jam of shipping containers and cargo at the port. The upcoming busy holiday shopping season could potentially be affected and the competitiveness of the region's

economic staple is wavering. In the worst shipping crisis in a decade, vessels loaded with products destined for the nation's retailer are just sitting just off the coast, waiting for the docks to be free.

The congestion stems from a surge of cargo before the holidays and the rise in the trend of oversized container ships that are crowding the docks with cargo. Another issue is the shortage of trailers that truckers use to haul cargo from the ports to warehouses located inland. Currently, it is thought

that the allocation of these trailers is being mismanaged resulting in not enough trailers in the right location and the right time. Getting goods out of Long Beach now typically takes 7 to 10 days longer than normal. There's concern that some toys, apparel and electronics may not arrive in time for the holidays.

Ports around the country are facing similar issues, but the problems are magnified in Southern California. The Long Beach and LA ports handle about 40% of US imports. If congestion continues, there are fears that their market share

could decline as importers, tired of the delays, choose gateways elsewhere. Retailers are taking steps to prevent delays, including paying Southern California truckers more to pick up their goods first.

Fixing this issue is a high priority for port officials. To help avoid potential future diversion of exporters/importers from the Port of Long Beach, they have given importers three more days to pick up cargo before storage fees kick in. There are also ideas of importers sharing a communal pool of trailers and

chassis instead of just sticking the specific ones they have purchased. Hopefully, with these tactics and others, this situation will be alleviated and importers will keep fully using the Port of Long Beach though the holiday seasons and beyond.





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### LIFE JACKET **RATINGS SYSTEM Changes Are Coming**



In October, the United States Coast Guard began working on reclassifying Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) to minimize confusion over current labeling standards. The burgeoning classification system is planned to go into affect 2017. This is good news as current labeling is confusing to many users and a lot of people who use PFDs do not know or do not care about type codes. Federal officials hope the updated system will make PFDs easier to use and identify, allow for more innovative designs and make the US more in line with PFD requirements in other countries.

The planned regulations would do away with the different type (I, II, III, IV, V) ratings of PFDs. Instead, the new PFDs would likely present information in such a way where someone could look at it and immediately understand its intended use, using the existing information but with more visuals and with fewer words. This labeling system is planned to be standardized among the US, Canada and Europe. In the end, the more streamlined system would allow for PFDs to become cheaper, more innovative, more efficient and thus more comfortable to wear both physically and psychologically. Increased consumer access to a variety of PFDs and information on each PFD's contribution to boating safety could also help reduce drowning deaths.

The Coast Guard estimates as many as 66 PFD manufacturers would be directly affected by the elimination of code labeling. Making changes between now and 2017 would result in more than \$110,000 in one-time expenses, including funds spent on updating federal/state policies.

Despite the changes in labeling regulations on newly manufactured PFDs, PFDs already labeled with the previous type system will still remain to be of legal for use. For specific laws and requirements governing life jacket use in California, visit the Cal Boating website at dbw.ca.gov/boaterinfo.

### Sam's SAIL CARE TIPS

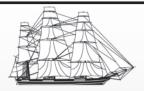
By Sam Heck, Quantum SoCal

It is not uncommon to see sails 10 to 15 years old and still seem in good shape. A reasonably well taken care of sail will last 3500-4000 hours. Your sails, they may still be in one piece but the shape has you leaning over more than you are going forward. When the draft blows back and the sail gets fuller and fuller you have a lot of room for improvement at that point. If you use you boat twice a month for 5 months a year your sail will last about 16 years. If you sail 12 days a month for 12 months a year you sail will last 2 ½ years. Here are a few tips for keeping your sails lasting a long time.

- Protect your sails from unnecessary exposure to sunlight
   take them down when not in use.
- Avoid flapping or flogging this is the worst thing you can do to fabric.
- When motoring keep the sails down unless you can fill them.
- Never backwind the genoa against the spreaders while tacking.
- Use the correct halyard tension. Halyard tension changes as a function of apparent wind velocity. Add tension as the wind increases (just enough to get the wrinkles out). Ease the halyard when the wind lightens.
- Protect from chafe. Make sure the spreader and chafe patches are on properly.
- Take the sails off the boat when not in use or out of the water. Heat, cold and humidity affect the longevity of sails besides getting mildewed.
- Annually have your sails inspected for wear and washing. This helps the longevity and catches potential problems before they are one.
- · Store sails dry.
- When leaving the furling sails up, make sure they are furled properly. No candystriping of the genoa and the sheet wrapped twice around the sail in case it gets windy. I see the sails not quite rolled up all the way and a little Dacron showing. It is like leaving your underwear showing!
- When using electric winches, don't use the furling line on one winch and the sheet on the other. The electric winches are very strong. You can tear your furler off the bow with it if you are not careful.
- After rolling check to make sure the sail is all covered by the cover.

Keeping all these things in mind will help protect the condition and longevity of your sails for years to come!





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